



Council Tax Disregard Application Severely Mentally Impaired Persons

Account Reference No:

Note for person assisting applicants:

Please read the information on page 3.

Total number of adults resident in the property (*ie everyone aged 18 years and over*):

Person who is severely mentally impaired:-

Full Name	Address	Qualifying Benefit (write applicable number as shown on page 3)	Date benefit entitlement commenced

Declaration

I declare that the person named above is entitled to the benefit(s) listed above and **I enclose proof of entitlement.**

Signature of person acting on applicant's behalf:

Full name:

Relationship to applicant:

Address:

Telephone number:

Date:

You should complete this application form (a doctor needs to complete page 2) and return it together with proof of entitlement to benefits, to the Revenue Section, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ.

Financial Services, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive,
Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ

Telephone: 01732 876388 Fax: 01732 873530 E-Mail: financial.services@tmbc.gov.uk



Certificate

Request to Doctor: Please complete the certificate stating whether the person named is severely mentally impaired.

Full name of applicant:

For the purposes of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, a person is severely mentally impaired if he/she has a severe impairment of intelligence and social functioning (however caused), which appears permanent.

In my opinion, the person named above is severely mentally impaired and has been so since

Doctor's signature:

Date:

Doctor's full name:
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Surgery/Hospital Address:
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Doctor's Status:
(GP, etc.....)

Doctor's Stamp



The full council tax bill assumes that there are two or more adults residing in a dwelling. However, for council tax purposes, certain people will not be counted (i.e. disregarded) when counting the number of adults in residence. If only one resident is counted, a discount of 25% is deducted from the council tax bill.

How is 'severely mentally impaired' defined?

For council tax purposes, a person is severely mentally impaired if he/she has a severe impairment of intelligence and social functioning (however caused) which appears to be permanent in the opinion of their doctor.

What does this mean in practical terms?

A person will be disregarded on the grounds of being severely mentally impaired if they meet the definition given above and are entitled to **any** of the following benefits:

1. incapacity benefit (IB) (either long-term IB, short-term IB or long term IB for widows and widowers)
2. attendance allowance (AA)
3. severe disablement allowance (SDA)
4. the highest or middle rate care component of disability living allowance (DLA)
5. an increase in disablement pension for constant attendance
6. disabled person's tax credit, but only if this is because of the prior receipt of IB or SDA or from 1 April 1997
7. income support which includes a disability premium paid because of the claimant's incapacity to work
8. unemployability supplement (this was abolished in 1987 but existing claimants remain entitled)
9. constant attendance allowance payable under the industrial injuries or war pension schemes
10. unemployability allowance payable under the industrial injuries or war pension schemes
11. from 1 April 1994, income support which includes a disability premium because of the claimant's incapacity to work.

How do I apply?

Complete the form overleaf and return it, as soon as possible, to the address shown. We will write to you with our decision on whether you are entitled to a discount.

For how long will the discount be allowed?

For as long as there is only one adult in the property who is not disregarded. If there is any change in circumstances, then you must notify us at the address shown overleaf. Failure to do so may result in a penalty being imposed.